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Price, \$24 PER ANNUM.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill.

PARIS AND EUROPE:—GALLIER & FRUIN, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.:—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. O. HEINZEN & Co., Manila.

CHINA:—MACAO, MORAIS A. DE MELLO & Co., Suvaiva, O. HEINZEN & Co., Anson, Wilson, NICHOLLS & Co., Poonchoo, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WAHNE, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum. " 6 " " 4 " " " " 12 " " 5 " " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Manager. Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, \$2,100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. Deputy Chairman—W. M. REYNOLDS, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. M. E. SASSOON, Esq. Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq. C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq. A. P. McLEWEN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER. Shanghai, EDWIN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BRANCHES:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS. (Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, \$3,200,000.

RESERVE FUND, \$800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGÈRE, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at: LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO, MARSEILLES, BOMBAY, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW, NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOCHOW, MELBOURNE, and SYDNEY.

LONDON BANKERS: THE BANK OF ENGLAND. THE UNION BANK OF LONDON. MESSRS C. J. HAMRO & SON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong. Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. MR. FREDERICK DEBLOIS BUSH is Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date, and MR. GEORGE F. WHEELER is authorized to sign our Name.

RUSSELL & Co. China, 1st January, 1882. ap5

NOTICE. WE have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON and after this Date the Undersigned Resumes his Duties as SECRETARY of the Company.

By Order of the Directors, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. ap13

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCHE & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, August 13, 1881. 13au82

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1882, at 2 p.m., at the Residence of Captain MICHAELSON, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, No. 8, Seymour Terrace,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising—

CRETONNE-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, CRIMSON VELVET FRAME MIRROR, and MANTLEBOARD to MATCH, PICTURES, TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDE TABLES, WHITTAKER, BEDROOM FURNITURE, WARDROBE, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and the above will be on view on Wednesday, the 22nd Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, March 16, 1882. mr23

To Let.

TO LET. OFFICES in No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Apply to. DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

TO LET.

PARSEE BUNGALOW, ROBINSON ROAD. FURNITURE may be taken on Valuation.

Apply to. GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR, HARBOUR OFFICE.

Hongkong, March 17, 1882. mr24

TO LET—FURNISHED.

NO. 4, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, END HOUSE. Immediate Possession.

Apply to. "A. B. C." OFFICE OF THIS PAPER. Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

TO LET, FURNISHED.

THE well-known BUNGALOW, with GARDEN, &c., on Mount Kellett, the Property of Mr. T. O. HAYLER, Q.C. Can be inspected at any time on application to the Watchman.

Apply to. R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c., &c., QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, March 13, 1882. mr27

For Sale.

Tenth Volume of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 4, Vol. X. OF THE "CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

The A-MI-FO's Ching. A Page in the History of China. "The Delegates' Version" and Mr. Giles. Residence in the Interior and the Transit Trade.

Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence. Notes and Queries:—Slavery in China. Rotation of Departmental Duty, at Peking. Quarrels "Emblems" and the Lok U. Limit of Responsibility for Effects of Wounds according to Chinese Law. "Sui" and "Tsu." A Correction. Extracts: Chinese Oaths in Borneo and Java. Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. Hongkong, March 17, 1882.

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELRY, of various kinds. INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS. SMOKING CAPS. BUMPOOREE CHUDERS, and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for Ladies' Dresses.

At MODERATE PRICES. N. M. KHAMISA, 8 and 10, Post Street.

Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.) WASHINGMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office. Price, 91 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. GENUINE MADIRA WINE, 1870, \$22 per Dozen. OLD SUPERIOR PORT (BASTARDOS), \$15 per Dozen.

Apply to. L. THEVENIN, Hongkong Hotel Building.

Hongkong, March 21, 1882. ap21

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THURFALL'S Export PALE ALE, and FINEST LAGER BEER, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen. Also, SILLERY MOUSSEAU (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 2 dozen. Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, \$17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, \$18 per 2 doz. " GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

Intimations.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, (IN LIQUIDATION).

A FINAL DIVIDEND, at the Rate of TARI 5.15 per Share has been Declared, payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK on and after the 15th Instant.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS may be obtained from the Undersigned upon production of the Scrip for Cancellation.

LITTLE & Co., Liquidators. Shanghai, 11th March, 1882. ap20

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 24th March, 1882, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 16th to 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, D. McLAURIN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, March 10, 1882. mr24

NOTICE.

COLONEL IRE AUSTIN'S NEW AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE is now OPEN at the Victoria Club, Station Street, opposite the Union Church, where Instructions are Free of Charge.

BELL TARGETS!!! FLYING AND STATIONARY BIRDS THAT DISAPPEAR WHEN HIT!!! ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SPORTING RIFLES!!!

Galleries open daily from 4 to 12 p.m., to all respectable Members of the Community. Hongkong, March 13, 1882.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by Bill of Sale dated the 8th of November 1879, and duly registered in the Supreme Court on the 17th of November 1879, the late EDWARD CHARLES GILBERT, did assign unto WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH all the STOCK-IN-TRADE, MACHINERY, PROPERTY, GOODS, & THINGS, and EFFECTS therein mentioned, situate at No. 15, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, and also the BOOK DEBTS of the Firm of "W. MCGREGOR & COMPANY."

The said WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH, having taken possession of the Property comprised in said Bill of Sale, ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to the said FIRM are hereby informed that the said BOOK DEBTS will be collected by the Undersigned under Power of Attorney from the said WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH, and are required to pay the same in which they are respectively indebted only upon the receipt of the Undersigned.

Dated 16th day of March, 1882. D. SAYLE, Attorney for the said William McGregor Smith.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG CIVILIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS, TO BE HELD ON THE CRICKET GROUND, ON THURSDAY, 23rd March, 1882, COMMENCING AT 2 P.M.

Open to Members and Visitors of the Hongkong Club, the Club Germania, Commissioned Naval and Military Officers, and to Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, and the Victoria Recreation Club, who joined on or before March 1st, 1882.

Committee:—Rev. F. O. STERNING, D.D.; Capt. F. A. NEWINGTON, R.M.L.I.; Capt. HOWARTH, (The Buffs); Lieut. B. F. HOLMES, (The Buffs); Lieut. J. CHARLEY, R.F.; Lieut. O. E. RUCK, R.E.; H. G. FIRCHAM, Esq., U.A.C.G.; Hon. W. M. DEANE; Dr. CLOUTH; A. COXON, Esq.; H. FOSSE, Esq.; W. HYMES, Esq.; R. K. LEIGH, Esq.; and H. J. H. TRIPP, Esq.

E. MACKENZIE, Esq., Honorary Secretary.

PROGRAMME.

1.—PUTTING THE SHOT.—No follow. One Hand, 7 foot run. 10-lb. Shot.

2.—LONG JUMP.—Winners of Prizes at previous meetings to be penalised 6 inches.

3.—100 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 2 yards.

4.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.

5.—120 YARDS HURDLE RACE.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 5 yards.

6.—BOYS' FLAT RACE, 300 YARDS.—Age under 15. Open to European Schools.

7.—HIGH JUMP.—Winners at previous meetings to be penalised 2 inches.

8.—QUARTER MILE FLAT RACE.

9.—TUG OF WAR. (Trial Heat).

10.—VETERANS' FLAT RACE, 120 YARDS (Handicap).—Open to all of 30 years old and upwards. Winners of open events at this meeting to be penalised 5 yards for each win.

11.—300 YARDS FLAT RACE (Handicap).—Handicap to be declared after the quarter mile flat race.

12.—OBSTACLE RACE.

13.—ONE MILE FLAT RACE.—Winner of 1st Prize at one meeting to be penalised 100 yards; at two meetings to be penalised 150 yards.

14.—CONSOLATION, 120 YARDS FLAT RACE.—Open to all competitors who have not won a prize.

15.—INTERNATIONAL TUG OF WAR.—Eight men a side. All to be pulled over. Nationality to be decided by that of the boat.

N.B.—Entries to be sent in in writing to the Honorary Secretary, H.C.A.A.S., Hongkong Club. Entries close at 6 P.M. on MONDAY, the 20th March, 1882.

Hongkong, March 16, 1882. mr23

NOTICE.

OFFICERS, 2nd Battalion, "The Buffs," do not hold themselves RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by their Messman, "A TONG," a Chinaman.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. mr27

WANTED.

A Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with ASSORTED WATERMAN'S MANUFACTURE and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER. Hongkong, January 20, 1882.

THE "FAR EAST."

THE ISSUES OF 1879 WANTED. Apply at this OFFICE. Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

"SULPHOLINE LOTION."

An External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES. There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack them. It destroys the animalcules which cause these unsightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. "Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 6d.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.—DR. LIVER PILLS (which are) QUININE.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution.

In Boxes of 1s. 1d., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world.

Prepared by JAS. RORKE, London. Specially valuable Pills for residents abroad and travellers.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

Prepared only by J. Pepper, London. This Fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally met only by J. PEPPER, Bedford Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. Sold by all Chemists. A most valuable and essential medicine for India, Australia, the Cape, and Colonies generally.

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Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned on or before Noon of THURSDAY, the 23rd Proximo, for the SUPPLY of 1,000 TONS of TAKASIMA COAL, deliverable at the NAVAL COAL DEPOT, KOWLOON, in accordance with the Conditions on the printed Tender, which can be obtained on application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper. H. M.'s Naval Yard, Hongkong, 14th March, 1882. ap13

WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STRAITS and SALTINA SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a

For Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.

Have Received For Sale.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.
METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COCAQUES.
CALMARD & BOWSER'S CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.
HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.
LEMON TOFFEE.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.
MACKINNON PEN.
LIVERMORE PEN.
LAWN TENNIS BATS.
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Ex STEAMER "Gleghuile."
STITION CHEESE.
YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TERRA-MARTINI'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

PICNIC TONGUES.
PICNIC BREAD.
PICNIC COCAINA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LIEBIG'S & CO'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINCEMEAT.
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HENRI'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
JULES CLUQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LA FITE, " " "
CHATEAU LA FITE, " " "
BREAKFAST CLARET, " " "

SERRIES & PORT—

SACONNE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1, 2 & 3 STAR HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOIS & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.
KINGMAN'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHATEAU D'OR.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA.
BOKER'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
Boneless CODFISH.
Prime HAMS and BACON.
RUSSIAN CAVIARE.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in kags and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Bean Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
" Potted SAUSAGES and Sausage
MEAT.
" Stuffed PEPPERS.
" Assorted PICKLES.
" MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.
" Lunch TONGUE.
McCarthy's Sagar LEMONADE.
CLAM CHOWDER.
Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 2 1/2 lb cans.
&c., &c., &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA

RAKERS

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy, Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.

OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.

RYE MEAL.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

CIGARS.

Fine New Season's OUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST OONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.
SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly
executed.
Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF
BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;
ALSO
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON MONDAY, the 27th day of March,
1882, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
YANGTSE, Commandant LORCHER,
with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Hongkong, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 24th March.
Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 26th March, 1882. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, March 20, 1882. m27

MITSU HISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE

AND INLAND SEA.

THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Captain
WYSE, due here on or about the
27th Instant, will be despatched as above
on FRIDAY, the 31st March, at 4 p.m.
Cargo received on board and Parcels at
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ance perfect. Her vocalization was marked with that purity and power for which the fair prima contralto has established a high reputation; indeed, it may be said that she possesses the most powerful contralto voice of any lady who has yet honoured Hongkong, while its flexibility and the ease with which she makes the best use of her high gifts at once place the audience in the mood of gratified listeners rather than fastidious critics. Another point which was most striking, however, in the highly successful performance of the Signora last night was the grace, good taste and refinement displayed in the histrionic part of her role. There was a high finish, as well as the evidence of the most cultured taste, in the suppression of all exaggeration and staginess, which marked this effort of the Signora as one of the finest performances we have seen of late. Although we can scarcely conceive the part of Violetta (in "Traviata") entirely devoid of its necessarily repulsive features, the success of Signora Silini in Leonora almost justifies the hope that she may yet favour us with the most artistic rendering of "La dame aux Camélias" yet given in this Colony. Of the singing and acting of Signor Giochi, in the role of Alfredo XI, we can only speak in the very highest terms, as he was every inch a King throughout; and it must be conceded to the audience, that the reception accorded to Alfredo and Leonora was of a most unusually hearty description. Little more need be said; but the two artists named will doubtless take away with them a more kindly impression of the appreciation of a Hongkong audience than has generally fallen to the lot of travelling artists who have visited this "dot on the ocean." Although Signor Giochi may by sheer force have monopolised more than his natural share of interest in the cast, Signor Vanzetti (as Fernando) deservedly claimed a leading position by the admirable rendering of the role assigned to him. It must be said of the primo tenore that he fully maintains his place in the favour of the public, and certainly his singing last night in the piece under notice was a marked success. He displayed also a more passionate and thorough identification with the character he represented than he has hitherto done; and the dramatic force which he threw into his personation of the injured and disgraced lover showed that he is a well-trained actor, as well as the possessor of a high-class tenor voice. Indeed, in the closing scenes with Leonora, he fairly excelled anything he has yet done, and was greeted with thunders of applause; the approbation being, of course, divided between the fair Leonora and himself.

Having spoken thus favourably of the principal actors in the opera, it is the least pleasant to have to take away in any measure from the praise accorded. But, excepting Ines (Signora Bertolini), the other characters cannot even be described as approximations to success. While the somewhat important role of Baldassarre lost in importance by being entrusted to a weak brother (Signor Corti), who was unequal to the part, his "shaky" rendering of the music sadly marred his otherwise laudable attempts to look the venerable and kind-hearted abbe—the part of Don Gaspare was used by Signor Brunetti as a medium for introducing a touch of burlesque into the serious proceedings of the play. The part of Ines was very creditably represented, as we have said, by Signora Bertolini, who exhibited powers worthy of a better role. The chorus was also less worthy of commendable mention than it has yet been; while the prompting was far more audible than it ought to have been. These are details which ought to be remedied, and none will be more pleased than ourselves to find all causes for remembrance removed. Altogether, however, the representation of "La Favorita" by the Company was a genuine musical success; and if we speak of the leading roles only, it was a treat such as is seldom obtainable in a place like Hongkong.

"On Ballo in Maschera" is announced as the piece to be performed on Saturday evening.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon, at the City Hall, when there were present:—The Hon. P. Ryrie (in the Chair), The Hon. F. B. Johnson, H. L. Dalrymple, G. Sharp, A. B. McEwen, O. Kahn, J. D. Macintosh, L. Poosnocker, A. Oxon, W. M. Morgan, W. H. F. Darby, J. Thurburn, F. D. Sassoon, E. E. Elias, G. O. Scott, G. de Champeaux, W. V. Davis, C. P. Chater, Wm. Forrest, F. H. Arjane, and E. George (Secretary).

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Emigration to Honolulu.—At the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, it was proposed that the Chamber should memorialize the Governor to withdraw the restrictions on emigration from Hongkong to Honolulu.

Your Committee lost no time in communicating this resolution to the Government and in reply the Chamber is informed that His Excellency the Governor could not sanction any Chinese Emigration involving contract of service because Rule 4 of the printed Rules issued for the last six years by the Emigration Office, framed under instructions from His Majesty's Government, respecting Chinese Emigration, says:—"Emigration under contract of service is prohibited unless the ship shall be proceeding to a British Colony."

Representation in England.—In furtherance of this object the Chamber has received a communication from the "British and Colonial Union" which has been established in London for the furtherance of Trade between Great Britain and the Colonies and for the purpose of promoting the Commercial Interests of the British Empire. The first resolution of the Union is as follows:—

"That, considering the increasing importance of the Colonial Trade of Great Britain, and that her Colonies are without direct representation in the Imperial Parliament, and, considering, also, that Commercial Treaties with Foreign Countries whereby Colonial interests are deeply affected are entered upon by the Mother Country without adequate consultation with the Colonies, this Conference is of opinion that in all matters of Imperial or International Treaties where Colonial interests are directly or indirectly involved, an endeavour should be made to ascertain the views of the Colonies, and that proper weight be attached to their opinions."

As in the opinion of your Committee the above resolution meets to a certain extent the want so long felt here of having some representation in London of the interests of this Colony, your Committee have requested that the Chamber be added to the list of members and have forwarded a subscription of 5 Guineas; this has been duly acknowledged and you are now invited to nominate a gentleman to represent the Chamber, at the Council of the Union.

Reuter's Political Telegrams.—In reply to the representations made to Reuter's Telegram Co. as to the inefficiency of the former service, the Directors undertook to increase the number of telegrams sent monthly payment of £800.

The Chamber of Commerce has been requested to become members of the proposed exchange, your Committee have had the matter under consideration, but do not see that any useful purpose would be served by so doing as the enterprise is one of the merits of which must be decided by the general body of the Mercantile and Trading communities.

The Mail Service.—Your Committee have been in communication with the Postmaster General and the Superintendent of the P. & O. Company with a view to obtain such an alteration in the day of departure of the Homeward mail as would obviate the necessity of working on Sunday, but although everything has been done by both these gentlemen to meet the views of the Chamber, it has been found to be impracticable to alter the existing time table.

However, the latter gentleman has courteously sent the Chamber an extract from a letter from the Managing Directors in which they say:—

"The question of the Time Table for 1892 is still in abeyance and it is impossible to say what the Postmaster General will finally decide upon, but we will bear in mind the request of your Chamber of Commerce when the matter comes up again for discussion."

Accounts.—These have been audited by Messrs Geo. O. Scott and J. G. T. Hassell. There is a balance at credit to carry forward of new account of \$422,74, and the amount on fixed deposit is \$8,760,00.

Members.—The Tak On Bank has retired from the Chamber, and Mr Atwell Coxon has been elected a member. This election requires confirmation.

Statistics of Trade.—The Table of Sales appended has been compiled as last year from the returns furnished to the Chamber by Importers, but it must be obvious to the members that the totals do not accurately represent the amount of the trade of the Port, and it is therefore hoped that in the future they will see the advantage of giving the fullest possible returns to enable the Committee to bring forward a more correct statement.

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One day while seated in an omnibus an apparently respectable gentleman said to a Chinaman, who entered, "Get along, you brute," as he passed him, but the Chinaman, who was a fellow countryman, the gentleman said he had nothing to say against the Chinese, he believed they were industrious and very valuable people to Australia, but this change of policy on the gentleman's part, was, he thought, owing to the attention of the people being drawn to what he thought was a breach of hospitality on their part. The speaker also thought that they had only to analyse the relations of the Home Government with the Australian Colonies to see that the Home Government and the Colonies would, in the end, be benefited. Hongkong was doing well in standing up in this matter, and in strengthening their hands, for their hands needed strengthening. The Home Government did not wish to quarrel outright with the Australian Colonies, but they have expressed their views with regard to the Australian people, and they have excluded Chinese, and they have sanctioned, simply by the force of urgency from the Australian Government, the passing of those prohibitory measures. In the despatches which he had carefully gone through—the despatches from the Home Government to the Governments of Queensland, Victoria, and New South Wales, they were most unmistakable in the strong language which they had employed. Therefore he thought that they might well feel that the step which had been taken by the Chamber in attempting to stand forth as champion of those men under the circumstances, was a very laudable one, and he thought that they might well feel that the step which had been taken by the Chamber in attempting to stand forth as champion of those men under the circumstances, was a very laudable one, and he thought that they might well feel that the step which had been taken by the Chamber in attempting to stand forth as champion of those men under the circumstances, was a very laudable one.

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LAW NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
(Before Mr Justice Snowden.)
In Bankruptcy, Thursday, 23rd March.—In the matter of Kwok Pak Shing, bankrupt.—Bankrupt to come up for his adjourned last examination.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.
(Before the Hon. G. Phillips, Chief Justice.)
Wednesday, March 22.

ALLEGED ROBBERY BY A POLICEMAN.

Ho Achi, lately a constable in the Police Force, was charged on two counts, first with unlawfully and corruptly by colour of his office attempting and endeavouring to extort the sum of 200 cash by feloniously accusing Wong Ahum of gambling in the complainant's match in Causeway Bay on the 22nd February, and secondly with demanding that sum with intent to steal the same.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs L. V. Love, N. J. Gomes, M. A. Gomes, J. H. Baker, R. Martin, C. Kahn, S. M. V. de Remedios.
The Attorney General (The Hon. E. L. O'Malley), instructed by Mr Sharp, the Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.
The evidence for the prosecution was that the defendant, entered the complainant's match, and after standing looking at some of the inmates playing at dominoes for some time, he snatched the dice and some cash, and threatened to apprehend the complainant unless he was paid 200 cash. The defendant was in plain clothes.

The defence was that twenty persons were gambling in a position outside the shed where they could easily be seen by the public. The defendant cautioned them to desert, but they continued on, he apprehended the complainant. The complainant and one of his companions connected the story against him on the way to the station. His Lordship pointed out that it was a very serious charge to bring against an officer, and that it was very easy to bring such a charge and very difficult to disprove it without witnesses. He also pointed out that it was an unlikely case for the defendant to pursue, after being denied the money to persist in apprehending them.

The jury found the defendant not guilty, but expressed the opinion that the constable had exceeded his duty.

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY.

Loi Sam, Wang Kau, and Mo Sui were charged with feloniously assaulting and robbing Li Ahing of a giraffe containing a purse, a gold ring, &c.
On the night of the 25th January Li Ahing, the wife of the keeper of the Kwong Yung Temple at Causeway Bay, was sleeping in a boat which was lying on the beach, when she saw a man step from the beach to the boat, rubbed pepper into her eyes, seized her by the hair and knelted her about the mouth. First defendant struck her until she was almost insensible. While lying face a second man came up and the third man was engaged in throwing stones at another boat. They took her giraffe off, containing certain rings and money, and departed.

The jury found a verdict of not guilty, the evidence having broken down; and the prisoners were discharged.

CHARGE OF WOUNDING.

Chun Akun was charged with unlawfully and maliciously wounding Lau Asing and two others on the 2nd February in Jervois Street.

Two of the complainants while standing at their shop door heard a cry of "robbery," when they saw a man step from the beach to the boat, rubbed pepper into her eyes, seized her by the hair and knelted her about the mouth. First defendant struck her until she was almost insensible. While lying face a second man came up and the third man was engaged in throwing stones at another boat. They took her giraffe off, containing certain rings and money, and departed.

The defendant denied the crime, but could produce no corroborating evidence. The jury found him guilty unanimously, and he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

ROBBERY ON BOARD SHIP.

Thang Ping Chang, Chan Cheong, Chan Asing, and Chan Ahn, were charged with stealing from one Li Apai on board the steamship "Devotion" while in the harbour of Victoria, £320 on the 19th of February. The circumstances of the case were that the complainant was a passenger from Singapore to Hongkong on board the "Devotion" which arrived here on the 19th. A friend of the complainant was sleeping on the box where the money was stowed and another box. Early in the morning this friend (the Aling raised a cry of "thieves." The prisoners were all close to the box, in which a hole had been bored and the money extracted. On being seized the prisoners, at the request of the first, each produced from their persons different sums of dollars and handed them back to the presenter. The prisoners were then arrested.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against the four prisoners for robbery on the high seas. They were each sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

LARCENY.

Chun Ajow was found guilty of stealing two brass opium smoking pipes on the 14th February belonging to Wong Ahak from the complainant's house in Wing Lok Street. He admitted two previous convictions. Sentence was reserved.

Yong Anu, a lad of 15 years, was found guilty of stealing a hat from Ho Anu, school boy, in Queen's Road West on the 7th March. He admitted two previous convictions. Sentence was reserved.

CHIEF AFK PLEADED GUILTY TO A CHARGE OF STEALING A QUANTITY OF CLOTHING, THE PROPERTY OF WONG APUI, AND ALSO ADMITTED TWO PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS. SENTENCE WAS RESERVED.

(Before the Hon. F. Snowden, Puisne Judge.)

Chun Ajow was charged with stealing four five-dollar notes from Wong Ping on the 17th February. The following gentlemen were impanelled as a jury: Messrs D. McRae, G. Fenwick, C. P. Karberg, C. J. Gonzales, C. L. Gorham, F. J. V. Jorge, and J. T. Leung.

Mr McRae presided on behalf of the Attorney General.
The evidence showed that while the complainant was walking along Queen's Road Central and had got into a crowd, some one who he identified as the prisoner, had taken a five-dollar note from his pocket and took

the money. The complainant caught hold of the defendant's hand, but the latter succeeded in getting off at the time with the assistance of some other boys. The day following the boy was pointed out by the complainant sitting in a barber's shop. On the way to the station the boy offered to return the money to the complainant. Two previous convictions are recorded against him.

The jury found him guilty by five to two, and sentence was deferred.

ROBBERY.

Ho A-on and Loi Lum Tai were charged with stealing one blanket, one pair of earrings with jade stone drops, one fan, one nightgown and divers articles of wearing apparel from the house of Fung Yan Po, 5 Gough Street on the 9th, and 22nd January.

The blanket was stolen on the 22nd January and a short time after noon was found in the possession of the first defendant, and the other articles were proved to have been pawned by the second defendant who stated that he had found them in the street.

The first defendant was found not guilty, and the second guilty. Sentence was deferred.

LARCENY.

Li Ajing was charged with the larceny of \$10 and several pieces of clothing, from one Chan Ahkong. The prisoner had entered complainant's house and threatened him with a knife. He was found guilty, but sentence was reserved.

ROBBERY OF A HUNDRED TAELS.

Loon Asing entered the shop of Haag Kwai Cheung, druggist, in Jervois Street, along with a few others on the 3rd March, and each asked to be supplied with a separate article, and while the assistants were executing the orders, the prisoner was seen to reach over the counter, and abstract a bag containing 100 taels. The complainant caught him and laid him on the ground. Prisoner was found guilty, and sentence was reserved.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)
Wednesday, March 22.

ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY.

Ng Atai was charged with escaping from custody, convicted and fined \$50 or fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour—to commence at expiration of previous sentence. Accused had been in the Charge Room and managed to make his escape. His excuse was that his mother told him to leave.

ASSAULT.

Walter Mollison, 3rd engineer on board the S. S. "Dud," was fined \$10, for assaulting Lo Aming, master of a silver ship. The defendant had got some jewellery about three years ago for which he had not paid and on complaint going to ask for the money, he instead of paying the dollars, gave him a black eye.

Charles Bradwood, a Scotch engineer, was fined 50 cents, and given the option of one day's imprisonment for being drunk and incapable yesterday.

AN ABRUVE AND DISOBEDIENT SERVANT.

On Wa Chung, servant, was charged with having stolen articles, valued \$2, the property of Kato Douglas and Doll Johnson, single women residing in Graham Street, on the 10th instant.

On Sunday last the complainants missed some basins and asked the defendant where they were, he being their servant boy. The defendant told the complainants to dismiss him and to get for themselves, and used abusive language towards them. The defendant was then given in charge, and his house searched, when the basins and various other articles found, which the complainants identified as belonging to them. On several other occasions articles had been missed.

The defendant denied stealing any property from the complainants, saying that the basins were his own, and that a scarf and other things had been given to him as gifts by the complainants.

After hearing other evidence the charge was proved, and the defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from the Singapore Times:—

London, Feb. 23.—M. Canabon, Prefect of the Department of the Nord, and M. Toden, replaces M. Roustan at Tunis.

Count Schouvaloff, returned to in last telegraph as being dead, is not the former Russian Ambassador in London, but a nephew of the late Count Schouvaloff. The latter, who was killed at the battle of the Marston, is still alive, and is now in the service of the Russian Government.

Paris, Feb. 23.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day there was a debate upon Egypt; the President of the Council of Ministers said that the French Contractor General had been instructed to maintain a preponderating influence of France in Egypt; the European concert, he said, was

the best way to guard against serious consequences in the present state of affairs.

Feb. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed the Bill introduced by M. Tirard that English goods will be subject to the most favoured nation clause.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Ten prominent nihilists have been sentenced to death and ten to penal servitude.

Constantinople, Feb. 25.—As a mark of friendship towards Austria the Sultan has sent troops to the frontier in order to prevent the Albanians joining the insurgents of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Alexandria, Feb. 23.—Quarantine is abolished except for arrivals from Bombay, which will only have free passage in case of previous quarantine at Asien.

Cairo, Feb. 27.—The personal influence of Arabi Bey, Minister of War, is increasing; he will probably replace the President of the council of ministers.

Calcutta, March 4.—Rossald Mahomed Afzal Khan Bahadur, C. S. I., 11th Bengal Lancers, has been appointed Agent at Khabul for the British Government, and will start shortly to take up his appointment.

THE LAWLOR CASE.

Under the heading of "Thwarted again" the *Alta California* has the following:—
On Sunday evening last the British steamer *Suez*, Captain Dodd, arrived in this port, 24 days from Hongkong, and having on board 777 Chinese passengers. The vessel was consigned to Macdonald & Co. When the *Bohuel Castle* came into port, some ten days ago, with 1033 Chinese passengers on board, the consignees of the vessel, W. T. Coleman & Co., deviated from the old custom, which had been submitted to for so long, of paying to the Quarantine Officer, Dr. Lawlor, the exorbitant sum of \$1 per head, and dispensed with his services, but instead, engaged the services of a reputable physician, Dr. W. F. McAllister, of Macdonald & Co., not caring to pay the price of \$1 per head for each Chinaman, the ship having a clean bill of health, also dispensed with the services of the Quarantine officer and engaged Dr. McAllister to do the work. Accordingly, at one o'clock yesterday afternoon Dr. McAllister boarded the vessel, which was lying in the stream. He took a quantity of fresh pure vaccine virus, as used by the Board of Health, and which was procured from Dr. Penas. Shortly after his arrival Dr. Lawlor appeared, and the work of vaccination was commenced by Dr. McAllister. The Quarantine Officer looked on as each Chinaman handed his arm and submitted to the operation. The Chinaman at first seemed reluctant, but after a few had the operation performed the rest gained more confidence and the work proceeded in quick, regular order and was completed in four hours. The *Suez* will be allowed to make the wharf to-day and the passengers be allowed to disembark.

Quotations.

Hongkong, March 22.
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